



Prestbury Church of England Primary School

Let your light shine that people may see your good deeds and praise your Father in heaven. (Matthew 5v16)

16th December 2019

Value: Fruit - Gentleness

Let your light shine.... Wise men (Magi) - Refugees

Dear Parents,

The theme for the next few weeks is the lead up to Christmas and the birth of the promised Messiah Jesus Christ - an event out of all history that has had the greatest impact and so much of what we do and how we live comes from that one moment in time.

This year we are following a resource called Voices of Advent produced by The Archbishop of York Youth Trust. This week the focus is the Magi, the wise men. who travelled from far away to meet Jesus and give him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.

When Jesus grew up he taught his disciples to share God's love with people from all nations. In our society today many people are **refugees**, having escaped from dangerous places to live. They often have very little...

How can we reach out to people in need from all over the world?

“Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.”

Matthew 28:19-20

As part of the worship we will think about what we can do at this time – and perhaps longer term –to help refugees. Below are some of the suggestions from the resource.

Practical Challenges	Reflective Challenges
Collect items to donate to a charity supporting refugees	Imagine having to leave your home and travel somewhere new without anything. How would you feel?
Support a charity Christmas gifts campaign (e.g. Christian Aid)	Choose another country in the world, research it's needs and pray for them
Ask your local church how they are supporting local refugee families this Christmas	Talk about how you could welcome refugee families in your community

2020 promises to be an exciting and interesting year and I pray that in all the opportunities (the positives, but also occasional bumpy bits), we live and interact in the Light of Jesus and He will guide all our decisions, actions and conversations.

On behalf of all the staff, I hope you have a blessed Christmas and a great start to the New Year.

Thank you for all the support you as parents have provided to the school in 2019. I know that as a school community we are blessed to have such an outstanding staff team, great children and very supportive parents.

Foundation Stage Nativity

The Foundation Stage Nativity was a real delight. For children so young they performed with such confidence and I always enjoy the fact that as they are so young things occasionally go ‘off script’the malfunction with the donkey’s tail this year was a classic. Thank you to all the staff who worked hard to produce a lovely - #Epic performance.

KS1 Nativity

Wow! What a fantastic production by the Year 1 and 2 children, The singing was simply wonderful – such enthusiasm and the dances definitely get a 10 from me 😊 The children also performed with such confidence and joy. Thank you to all the staff.

School Choir

Thank you to the school choir who have been involved in so many performances in the recent weeks; the feedback has been fantastic. Thank you to Mrs Croghan and Mrs Bartley for giving their time to work so hard with the choir and lead the children to such a good standard of performance and to Mr Burr for his valued input and support.

Christmas Services

There will be two services this **Tuesday 17th December**- one at **9.30am** and one at **6pm**. The evening service will be an exact repeat of the 9.30am one. We hope those who are able to do so will come to the morning service and then there will be space for those who would like to come in the evening. It is expected that **all children** will attend the evening service. Children will need to be at the church by 5.55pm at the latest; choir and others involved in the service will need to be there by 5.45pm.

Christmas starts early

The last day of term is Thursday 19th December and is a **non-uniform ‘Toy day’**, when children are able to bring in games and toys to play with (No DS/electronic games devices please). In order to help families make a prompt start to the holiday, parents will be able to **collect their child/ren from 1.30pm** if that is helpful in making arrangements. Please sign your children out with their teacher.

Dates for Spring Term 2020

Monday 6 th January	School re-opens
Tuesday 7 th January	Y6 SRE lesson
Monday 13 th January	Bible Encounter in for Worship
Wednesday 15 th January	SATs meeting for Y6 parents
Friday 17 th January	Y1/2 Class assembly (Mrs McCurrie’s)

	PGT Foundation Stage & KS1
Monday 20 th & Tuesday 21 st January	Y6 Bikeability Y5 SRE lessons
Friday 24 th January	Year 3 class assembly PGT LKS2
Friday 31 st January	Year 5 Class assembly (Miss Butler's) PGT UKS2
Friday 7 th February	Y2 Class Assembly (HH) & Open afternoon
Monday 10 th -Friday 14 th February	Creative Week –
Monday 10 th February	Parents' Evening
Tuesday 11 th February	Parents' Evening
Friday 14 th February	PGT & School closes for half-term
Monday 24 th February	School re-starts
Thursday 5 th March	Class and Group photographs
Friday 6 th March	World Book Day
Tuesday 10 th March	Y1 Class assembly Mrs Davies
Friday 13 th March	2.15pm Parents' Forum
Tuesday 24 th & Wednesday 25 th March	Y6 Class assembly (Miss Cross') PTA Non uniform day Comic Relief
Monday 30 th March – Friday 3 rd April	LKS2 Easter performance in school
Tuesday 31 st March	Easter Events
Friday 3 rd April	Easter Service 9.15am Easter Lunch Easter Bonnet parade
	Reception class assembly 9.00 School closes for the Easter holiday

Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 16th December 2019

Monday 16 th December	EYFS Christmas parties
Tuesday 17 th December	School Christmas service at St. Peter's 9.15 & 6.00pm LKS2 Party.
Wednesday 19 th December	KS1 and UKS2 Parties

Thursday 20 th December	School closes for the Christmas holiday. Children may be collected from 1.30pm. Children may come in non-uniform. School starts again on Monday 6 th January 2020
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Forthcoming Events in school for the week beginning 6th January 2020

Monday 6 th January	School starts : Happy New Year!
Tuesday 7 th January	Y6 SRE lesson
Wednesday 8 th January	Community Worship
Thursday 9 th January	
Friday 10 th January	

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Headteacher

PTA Newsletter –Monday 16th December 2019

Welcome to another school week and with only 4 more days to go – the countdown is on for the Christmas Holidays!

‘Thank you’

- Thank you to those who attended the Wreath Making evening at the School last Monday. The PTA really enjoyed organising this event and a huge thank you to Bev and Megan from The Flower House who helped and guided everybody with the creations!
- The PTA had such fun helping the children buy and wrap gifts for their ‘someone special’ on Thursday at ‘Elfridges’. Thank you for all the donations received and we really hope you enjoy opening the gifts on Christmas Day!
- A very ‘BIG Thank You’ from the PTA to you all for your support in the run up / during and after the Christmas Fayre. It really is hugely appreciated and we could not have done it without your support!

Lucky 500 Squares

We will be announcing the lucky ticket number on Monday 16th for the sale of the Lucky 500 squares.

Co-op

A little reminder to those who shop at the Co-op that the School has been selected as one of the Co-op’s selected community funds.

All you need to do is if you have a Co-op membership card, go into your account online and select Prestbury CofE Primary PTA community fund as your selected charity. If you don’t have a card you can buy one in any Co-op for £1 and not only do you get benefits the school benefits every time you spend. Please spread the word as now we’ve secured this opportunity we really want to make the most of it! It takes 2 minutes to log on and change your preference and it really does benefit the school. Thank you so much!

We hope you all have a have a very HAPPY CHRISTMAS and a wonderful NEW YEAR.

Look forward to seeing you all in 2020! Thank you for your support!

PTA Team Members: Alex, Caroline, Jacqui, Julie, Nicky, Sarah and Wendy.